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## CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL LETTER

TO:

Civilian Agencies, other than NASA

SUBJECT: Notice of

Notice of Proposed Procurements and Small Business Set-

Asides

Section 922 of section 101(c) of the FY 1987 Continuing Resolution (Public Law 99-591) revised the requirements of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637 and 644) and the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 416) with respect to notices of proposed procurements and small business set-asides.

Effective on October 18, 1986, the following statutory changes were made:

- a. The threshold for synopsis in the Commerce Business Daily was increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for competitive solicitations. When there is not a reasonable expectation that at least two responsive and responsible offers will be received, the threshold remains at \$10,000.
- b. For all procurements in excess of \$10,000 but not in excess of \$25,000, an unclassified notice of the solicitation must be posted in a public place at the contracting office for a period of not less than 10 days. The notice must contain the information required by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 5.207(c) and (f). The contracting officer need not post such a notice when an exemption at FAR 5.202(a)(1), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) applies.
- c. The threshold for small business-small purchase setasides was increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The requirement for displaying solicitations provided in FAR 5.101 remains unchanged.

Pending forthcoming changes to the FAR, agencies are encouraged to immediately authorize a class deviation in accordance with FAR 1.404(a) to implement the above changes. A sample class deviation is attached.

This letter serves as consultation with the Chairman of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council, as required by FAR 1.404(a)(1).

LAWRENCE J. RIZZI

Chairman

Civilian Agency Acquisition Council

Enclosure

TO: Agency Head or Designee

SUBJECT: Request for deviation to certain FAR sections

In accordance with FAR 1.404(a), your approval to deviate from FAR sections 5.101, 5.201, 13.105, 19.501(f)(1), 19.508(a), and 52.219-4 is requested.

The deviation is requested so that ( agency ) as an agency, may implement Section 101(c) of the Continuing Resolution for Appropriations FY 1987, Title IX, Section 922 (Pub. L. 99-591), which increases ceilings for certain requirements relating to small purchases. Specifically, the ceiling for use of small business-small purchase set-asides has been increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and the threshold for publicizing proposed procurements in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) has been increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 with certain limitations for posting and publicizing certain procurements between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Specifically, proposed procurements that are expected to exceed \$10,000 must be publicized in the CBD if there is not a reasonable expectation that at least two offers will be received from responsive and responsible offerors. For all proposed procurements expected to exceed \$10,000 but not in excess of \$25,000, a notice must be posted, for a period of not less than 10 calendar days, in a public place at the contracting office issuing the solicitation.

This request has been coordinated with the Chairman of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council.

APPROVED: (Agency head or designee)

Name, title